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OVERCAPITALIZATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS GOES ON IN GOOD OLD WAY

port collector follow in the courageous

footsteps of the intrepid collector of

Meriden."

Mr. Donnelly said: "Poll taxes cannot be collected in Bridgeport without a warrant authorizing the collection. No warrant has ever been issued."

In this statement Mr. Atwater concurred. The poll taxes are collected upon an instrument which must be signed by the Mayor. Such an instrument has not been issued in this city. ment has not been issued in this city

in many years.

Mr. Atwater's thrilling story of his long waged fight to compel his friends and neighbors to obey a dead and decaying law, was followed by the story. of another battle; the story of a bat-tle with law defying corporations some of which dodge more taxes in one year than all the people of all the cities of Connecticut dodge in poils in two

This was another and more thrilling story of a contest, waged with courage equal to Mr. Atwater's,

against a larger foe.
One phase of the fight was told by Mr. Wells. He is secretary of the commission that drafted the proposed public utilities law. He collected, as Governor Woodruff said, most of the information upon which the commission based its proposed to be a second to be a secon

what Mr. Wells said is not new to the people of Bridgeport. The facts related to the business men by him are the facts that have been spread upon the record in this newspaper dur-

upon the record in this newspaper during several years past.

Mr. Wells' remarks were received with attentive interest. He knew his subject. What he had to say was plainly and convincingly said.

"The bill prepared by the commission," he said, "is a conservative bill. Only in a few matters does it go beyond the present policy of the law."

"It is proposed that the commission shall grant franchise to public service corporations. vice corporations.

"Shalf supervise the right of eminent domain exercised by these corpora-

"Shall supervise their capitalization and prevent stock watering, "Shall ascertain their physical condition and supervise their operation to protect the lives and bodies of the public and of the employes.
"Shall fix the rates when existing rates are unreasonable."

Mr. Wells then gave facts showing that the cylis existing at present in the Generay Assembly grow out of the struggle to obtain special privileges, and of the presence of a lobby which could not exist if the granting of special privileges, was separated by the comcial privileges was reposed in a com-mission.

He regarded one of the most important duties of the commission to be that of stopping over capitalization. At this point he said: "Mr. Mellen has made a statement to the effect that the days of over-capitalization are past. This is not the fact. One electric company recently capitalized has issued stock and bonds to the amount of \$3,000,000. This same commany has made a report to the state declaring its physical value to be \$250,000 and asking to be taxed on \$150,000. People are credulous about investments. Any clever man can take those stocks and bonds and sell them to confiding people, but there is no property behind them."

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In referring to classic instances of over-capitalization Mr. Wells said: "The Connecticut Railway & Lighting Company was formed by the consolidation of a number of smaller companies. Before the consolidation took place the capitalization of all of the smaller companies. Before the consolidation took place the capitalization of all of the smaller companies was about \$8,000,000. When the consolidation was effected the promoters issued \$9,000,000 in bonds alone. Then they issued \$15,000,000 in bonds alone. They did very little new work so that most of these millions represented the reward of the promoter for his enterprise." for his enterprise."

this water has been taken over by New Haven road, so that substantially four per cent, is guaranteed upon it the same as if real money had been invested in real tracks, cars and services for the people.

"And" continued the sneaker" this is not the only case of over-capitalization. The Consolidated street rall-way company now owned by the New Haven road, is almost as badly over-capitalized as the Connecticut Rallway

capita ized as the Connecticut Railway & Lightling Co."
In the matter of rate regulation, Mr. Wel's said that there now exists in the state no means of supervising charges of public service corporations except in the legislature, which is a body not in its nature constituted to do the work effectively. From lack of time, and opportunity to make expert examination it will either be unjust to the public, or to the company. The work could be done and effectively done by a small commission with plenty of time and full auditing powers.

As to whether or not the rates of public service corporations in Connecticut are reasonable. Mr. Wells declared that he would not attempt to

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But he would say that by comparison of notes in 69 cities from which rates had been secured by the commission it would appear as if there might be overcharging.

In the case of water, many cities received water at cheaper rates. In the case of gas and electric light the same was true. In the case of telephones, the comparison was more difficult, owing to variation in the kind of service given, but there were indications that the charges are higher than in many cities outside of Connecticut.

With two minor exceptions there are no cities in Connecticut where trolley fares are cheaper than five cents. Waterbury buys 25 tickets for a dollar. One other community gets a concession. In many cities outside of Connecticut trolley car fares are cheaper than five cents.

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As to the charges of the Consolidated railroad, Mr. Wells said that their

state commerce commission, 90 per cent, higher than the average for the

cent. higher than the average for the country and 20 per cent, higher than the average for New England.

"Thus," said Mr. Wells, "without he says that the rates of the Public service corporations of Connecticut are unreasonable, there is ground to assume that they may be unreasonable. The work of inquiring into the facts, and of making reasonable rates, under proper circumstances is a duty that can be adequately performed only by a small commission with full auditing powers."

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Governor Woodruff was received
with loving enthusiasm. He related
his experiences with the lobby and
with the judiciary committee of the last General Assembly. "A member of the committee came to me." he said, "and I asked him what was to be done with my recommendation for a com-mission to consider the regulation of public service corporations?"
"He said, "Governor, we are not go-ing to do anything with that recom-mendation."
"That is settled I asked?" "That is settled, I asked?"

"'Yes, it is,' replied he.

"It is not settled, I replied. Either that recommendation will be adopted, or I will call a special session of the legislature for that purpose alone."

"'Do you mean it,' the gentleman asked."

"I meant it,' I replied."
"Then, continued Governor Wood-ruff," they sent some of the leading men of the state to me to see if I was of the same mind. There was lots of tramping from the other wing of the capital to the wing occupied by the governor to inquire to the same effect. governor to inquire to the same effect. The upshot of the matter was that a commission was named and their re-port is now before the General As-

sembly. "Over capitalization," continued the former governor, "is one of the greatest evils that can come into a country. I have believed this for years. When those trolley charters used to come up to me I wondered how the General Assembly could be so blind as to pass them. After I had vetoed two or three of them, I said to myself, 'ought I to stop here, or keep on vetoing?' I concluded that my duty was to veto. The powers that were conferred by these charters was something enormous. Most of them did not provide for one cent to be paid in. One of them provided for an issue of bonds big enough to pay for the whole project. This charter was the on'y one in which my veto was sustained."

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Governor Woodruff expressed the opinion that the public utilities bill may not be passed at this session of the assembly, but it is certain to be passed at the next session if public interest continues to develop at its present page."

How can any person risk taking some unknown cough remedy when Foley's Honey and Tar costs them no more? It is a safe remedy, contains no harmful drugs, and cures the most obstinate boughs and colds. Why experiment with your health? Instit upon having the genuine Foley's Honey and Tar. F. B. Brill, local agent.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The M. S. Whist Club were enter-tained last evening at the home of Miss Clara Kirby on Drew Place. The cards, napkins, etc., were decorated in shamrocks. Whist and music were en-joyed after which a bountiful supper was served. The first prize was awarded to Miss Edith Berry and the second to Miss Clara Kirby.

Morris L. Ackerman of Sioux Falls, S. D., and Miss Anna Rutenberg of New Haven met each other about a week ago and were married 'as' n'ght at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Trager at 1356 Main street. This is not a love affair on first sight as one might supaffair on first sight as one might suppose, but rather a love correspondence by mail. Some time ago Mr. Ackerman saw the picture of Miss Rutenberg, and becoming enamored with the pretty face, got busy and hunted the owner up. He sent on his photograph and then the correspondence started to swamp the mails. The engagement and the arrangements were made by mail all that was remaining was the correspondence.

Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon. Ind., says: "My wife had Inflammatory Rheumatism in every muscle and joint: her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen almost beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and had eight physicians, but received no benefit until she tried Dr. Detchon's Relief for Rheumatism. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life." Sold by Curtis Pharmacy, 1149 Main St. cor.

SHUT DOWN OR STRIKE APRIL I

Only Way Out is a New Three Year Agreement.

New York. March 17 .- President George F. Baer of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad for the first time in a number of weeks did not pay his usual weekly visit to the city yeterday to meet the presidents of the other anthracite coal carrying roads. It was learned on good authority that the operators will shut down the collieries on April 1 unless the miners come to an agreement with them before that time or a strike is declared. It is conceded that with so much coal above ground that would be a bad time to strike, but the operators, in case their offer of a renewal of the agreement is not accepted on April 1 and there is no strike then, will not allow the union leaders to put off matters until the winter is near, when a strike would be most effectice. Only three things can happen on April 1—a shut down, a strike, or a continuance of the present agreement for three years longer. Reading Railroad for the first time in

BUSINESS MEN ELECT OFFICERS

President Bolande Named to Succeed Himself for Second Term.

Officers were elected by the Bridgenort Business Men's Association last
night at the annual meeting in the
Stratfield as follows: President, Frank
W. Bolande: vice-president, Andrew M.
Cooper: secretary, George R. Barnes:
treasurer, D. Fairchi'd Wheeler. The
directors are M. W. Manwarine, James
Roy, Chas. M. Cole. Russell T. Whiting. George E. Crawford, Robert T. ed railroad, Mr. Wells said that their passenger rates were as cheap as any where. Then he smiled started to say something and refrained. By this it was understood that he did not deem it advisable to go into the question of the density of the population served by the railroad.

As for its freight rates, they were, according to the figures of the interestant of the figures of the interestant commerce commission, 30 per state commerce commission, 30 per state commerce commission, 30 per state commerce for the say willing to serve for a second term as willing to serve for a second torm as a drafted man, but as preferring the election of a successor.

Weather Indications.

(Special from United Press.) New Haven. March 17.—Forecast.— Fair and colder to-night. Thursday

The disturbance that was central in the Lake region yesterday morning has moved eastward and is now passing out the St. Lawrence valley. It 's followed by an area of high pressure and pleasant weather with lower temperatures. Zero temperatures were report ed from Minnesota and W'sconsin.

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Bench made, of best Russia Calf, Blucher cut, hand sewed, Cuban heel, various shades of tan, \$1.98.

Blucher cut, something \$1.49

Ladies' Gray Top, Pat. Vamp, Oxford, Ladies' Gun Metal, Blucher cut, Oxford, smart and up-to-\$1.49

AMERICAN PRINTS at 6c

27 inch American Prints. Over two hundred patterns to choose from, in dark and light clors, with stripes, checks and figured designs, so much wanted for little Dresses, Wrappers and Aprons. These are displayed in our Basement, Center Counters, convenient to select, the wanted patterns. Regular 8c value, 6c

18 inch wide Twill Toweling wi h border on both sides,5c quality. Special offer for Thursday selling in our Economy Basement

TAPESTRY TABLE COVERS ART DEPT.

Heavy Tapestry Table Covers, size 33x33, in Peacock Blue and White, Light Green and Brown, Solid Dark Green, in pretty floral designs and border, finished with heavy fringes. These Covers look pretty on small center tables, etc. Regular price should be 75c. Special

FOR THURSDAY ONLY

Women's Muslin Drawers made of good muslin, cut very full, with wide band at waist, six inch shirred ruffle at bottom, finished with eyelet embroidery and five tiny tucks, all sizes. Cur makers excell in producing good garments and this offer is a fair example of their skill... On Sale Thurslay only

CORSETS FORMERLY Now 39c

About fifty Corsets in lot, perfectly clean. The sizes are not all represented, therefore we are closing them out at cost price. Models come in Girdle, Medium and Long, made of Batiste or Coutil, lace trimmed top, drawn with baby ribbon, well boned. Medium sizes still on hand; this assures a fit for the early shoppers.

Dr. J. H. D. Budau who has been ill the greater part of the winter and has been recuperating in the South is again in this city much improved in health and prepared to resume his

POINTS OF INTEREST.

Spring Wears For Little Wise parents are profiting by th economies offered upon boys' and chil-dren's clothing suits, at L'brary corner. A rare opportunity to save forcib y upon good clothes. Note the f umoney saving snaps in the advertisement. John F. Keane & Co., Main at

Men's Spring Styles.

Man can revel in colors to his heart's content, the coming season, for the men who make the styles have decided on high colors for men's Spring and Summer raiment. In fact, man is scheduled to run womankind a close second in the vivid coloring of apparel. second in the vivid coloring of apparet.
The new Spring suits shown by Meigs & Co reflect all the new colors and delicate shades of gray, slate, tan brown, green, olive, taupe, and so forth. Stripes of all kinds figure on forth. Stripes of all kinds figure on grounds of contrasting colors. Some of the handsomest suits are in close of the handsomest suits are in close military stripes in a beautifu' black and white effect. The new models retain the medium length coat with shapely shoulders and long grace ull lanels. Meigs and Company's clothing already famous for its perfect fitting ueck and shoulders, still leads in this respect as the new models show. s ueck and shoulders, still leads in this respect, as the new models show. Spring hats, neckwear, shirts and hosiery all reflect the high-co'or tandencies of the season to a ligree that is startling in some instances. Yet there is not a false note of color in the entire showing at Meigs & Co.'s. Men of conservative taste will find it easy to select apparel in k-eping with their liking in hats, furnishings and Spring clothing. In the riot of color which dominates the season.

The Woman's Home.

The L. & M. Paint decorates more than two million American homes. Its beautiful finish and lasting freshness beautiful finish and lasting freshness distinguishes a residence painted with it from all others. It's Metal Zinc Oxide combined with White Lead which makes it wear and cover like gold. Every 4 gallons of the L. & M. Paint when mixed with 3 gallons of Linseed Oil at 65 conts per gallon makes 7 gallons ready for use. Actual cost about \$1.20 per gallon. sold by cost about \$1.20 per gallon, sold by Harry Rider, Bridgeport Ct.; North-rop Bros., Southport; D. N. Clark Shelton; T. P. Terry & Son, Ansonia; M. T. Gregory & Son, Milford.

lous drug, so the makers have simply to print the fact that it compiles fully with all the requirements of the law.

and the most beautiful hands are often disfigured by an unsightly wart. It can easily be removed in a few days without pain by using Cyrus' Wart Remover, for sale only at The Cyrus Pharmacy, 253 Fairfield avenue and 186 Cannen St.

CARMACK MURDER CASE GOES TO JUR

End of Long Murder Trial at Nashville May Come Today—Disagreement

but a few days of having lasted two months and filled with exciting inci-dents from beginning to end, the fa-mous case of Colonel Duncan B. Coop-er, his son Robin and ex-Sheriff John D. Sharp, charged with the murder of Former Senator Edward W. Car-mack, went to the jury to-day with

of Former Senator Edward W. Carmack, went to the jury to-day with the delivering of Judge Hart's long instructions. The charge covered every point raised in the trial. There were frequent disquisitions on the application of the common law to the case which to an inapt juror would have been hikhly confusing.

"While the indictment," said Judge Hart, "contains but one charge on its face under the law it embraces four involuntary manslaughter." The court instructed the jury on the various degrees of manslaughter and homicide. As the jury filed out Colonel Cooper, the aged defendant, smiled broadly indicating that his lawyers had told him that there was nothing unfavorable in the instructions. General ofinion is that the jury will disagree but the defendants are confident of a verdict of acquittel. acquittal.

The trial of the Coopers and Sharp for the killing of former Senator Ca.-mack in point of interest and bitter-ness stands out pre-eminent in the criminal annals of Tennessee, both owing to the prominence of the principals in the tragedy which shocked the entire nation and because it marked a climax of one of the hardest fought political campaigns that the South has seen in years.

MILLER'S CASE TO BE HEARD SOON

Teamster Claims Damages of \$2,000 for Injuries He Sus ained.

Harry Rider, Bridgeport Ct.; Northrop Bros. Southport; D. N. Clark
Shelton: T. P. Terry & Son, Ansonia;
M. T. Gregory & Son, Milford.

THE U. S. GOVERNMENT in its
"Pure Food Law" does not "indorse"
or "guarantee" any preparation, as
some manufacturers in their advertisements would make it appear. In the
case of medicines the law provides that
certain drugs shall be mentioned on
the labels if they are ingradients of
the preparations. Ely's Cream Bulm,
the well-known family remedy for cold
in the head, hay fever and nasal catarrh, doesn't contain a single injurlous drug, so the makers have simply driven into the yard he ran taward the heads of the horses to pacify them and was knocked down and run over. A great deal of interest is taken in the

Deaths and Funerals.

Benjamin Turton died at an early hour this morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Rowbotham. 91 Barnum avenue in the 82d year of his age. Mr. Turton was born in Sheffield Guaranteed not to injure the skin.
Instantly removes Stove Polish, Rust, Grease, Ink. Paint and Dirt. For the hands or clothing. Large can 10 cents. Manufactured by Wm. R. Winn, 244 Stratford Ave.

Sun rises temorrow 6:01 a, m. Sun sets today 6:00 p, m. High water 7:24 p, m. Low water 7:24 p, m. Low water 3:34 a, m. Moon rises 3.34 a, m.

and Druggist Daniel Gannon died at the home of his brother Michael, 1650 Park Avenue early yesterday morning after a lingering illness. The deceas-ed was a hatter by trade, being a mem-ber of the United Hatters' Union of North America. Besides his two brothers mentioned he is survived by six sisters. Mrs. John P. Eagan and Mrs. Thomas Winsted of Danbury; Margaret G. Phelan, Elizabeth, Cath-erine and Delia Gannon of this city. Funeral services over the remains of Expected.

(Special from United Press.)

Nashville. Tenn., March 17.—Lacking

The days of having lasted two

Rev. H. Wiemer, pastor of the German Reformed church. A delegation from Steuben lodge, I. O. O. F. took charge of the remains and escorted them to their last resting place in Lakeview cemetery. The pail bearers were all members of Steuben lodge (Charles Henss, Charles Meyer, Christian Kost, John Gerech, Julius Paul and George Seelinger. man Reformed church

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